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SUBJECT: UGANDA: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM
WORLD COMMUNITY OF ISLAM DELEGATION

REF: BONN 4809

1. A GROUP REPRESENTING THE "WORLD COMMUNITY OF ISLAM"
HEADED BY MR. ABDUL HALEEM FARRAKHAN RECENTLY VISITED
UGANDA ON THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT AMIN (SEE REFTEL.)
A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM, REPORTEDLY SENT BY
FARRAKHAN TO PRESIDENT CARTER, WAS HANDED TO
THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA BY THE UGANDAN FOREIGN
MINISTER WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. FOR USUN:

FARRAKHAN INDICATES THAT HE WILL
SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND CONVEY TO
HIM AN INVITATION FROM AMIN TO VISIT UGANDA.

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3. TELEGRAM IS DATELINED KAMPALA ON MARCH 27. (TEXT
POUCHED BY FRG EMBASSY MARCH 30 AND RECEIVED IN BONN
APRIL 6.)

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PRESIDENT CARTER,

I AM MINISTER ABDUL HALEEM FARRAKHAN, A BLACK AMERICAN, HEADING A DELEGATION OF BLACK AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN UGANDA.

PRESIDENT IDI AMIN DADA INVITED ME AND SEVERAL OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF BLACK ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND THE 12TH SUMMIT MEETING OF THE O.A.U. WHICH HE CHAIRED IN KAMPALA IN 1975.

SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE OCCASIONALLY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING BLACK AMERICAN JOURNALISTS TO UGANDA TO REPORT ON UGANDA TO BLACK PEOPLE IN AMERICA.

LAST JANUARY I WAS INVITED ONCE AGAIN TO BRING A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS TO UGANDA AND ALSO TO BE THE GUEST OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT IDI AMIN DADA AT THE HISTORIC SUMMIT MEETING OF AFRO-ARAB HEADS OF STATE IN CAIRO, EGYPT.

WHILE I WAS PREPARING FOR THIS TRIP THE SO-CALLED UGANDAN CRISIS DEVELOPED AND FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, UGANDA AND ITS PRESIDENT DOMINATED THE HEADLINES OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS CULMINATING IN THE MARCH 7TH, 1977 EDITIONS OF TIME AND NEWSWEEK MAGAZINES.

AS A MUSLIM I FELT IT MY DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK INTO THESE ALLEGATIONS FOR IT IS WRITTEN IN THE HOLY KORAN, THE HOLY BOOK OF THE MUSLIMS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAPTER 49, VERSE 6: "O YOU WHO BELIEVE, IF AN UNRIGHTEOUS MAN BRINGS YOU NEWS, LOOK CAREFULLY INTO IT LEST YOU HARM A PEOPLE IN IGNORANCE, THEN BE SORRY FOR WHAT YOU DID."

WE HAVE BEEN IN UGANDA FOR THREE WEEKS TALKING TO RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ELDERS OF THE ACHOLI AND LANGI TRIBES, VISITING PRISONS, TALKING TO THE AVERAGE MAN ON THE STREET, AMERICAN CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, COLLEGE STUDENTS, SPORTS FIGURES, POLICE OFFICIALS, AND WE HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA OF AMERICA ARE GUILTY OF OUTRIGHT MALICIOUS, VICIOUS AND WICKED LIES, DISTORTIONS AND HALF-TRUTHS AGAINST UGANDA AND ITS PRESIDENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, ALONG WITH THAT FREEDOM MUST COME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF JOURNALISTS TO "FIND" THE "TRUTH" AND "PRINT" THE "TRUTH."

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MR. PRESIDENT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE FREE
FROM LIES WHICH MANIPULATE THEIR MINDS AND SHAPE THEIR
ATTITUDES FALSELY. THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS TO TELL LIES
VIOLATES A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO
KNOW THE TRUTH.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GUARDIAN
OF THE CONSTITUTION, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE MORALLY
OBLIGATED TO REBUKE THE PRESS SHOULD YOU FIND AS WE HAVE
FOUND THAT THEY HAVE EXCEEDED THE LIMITS.

WE INTEND BY THE HELP OF ALLAH (GOD) TO PRESENT TO
YOU AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE FACTS AS WE HAVE FOUND
THEM. FOR TOO LONG BLACK PEOPLE HAVE WATCHED THE
AMERICAN PRESS VILLIFY AND MALIGN BLACK LEADERS AND
CAUSE US TO TURN AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE REALLY OUR
SINCERE FRIENDS.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU SHOULD NOT LET THE MOST POWER-
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FUL MAN AND OFFICE IN THE WORLD BE MANIPULATED BY
ZIONISTS.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
ALWAYS BE LOOKED UPON AS INSINCERE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T
SPEAK OUT STRONGLY AND TAKE A DEFINITIVE STAND AGAINST
THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER B.J.
VORSTER WHICH CONTINUES TO DENY THE BLACK PEOPLE IN THAT
COUNTRY THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH AMERICA VERBALLY
OPPOSES APARTHEID, THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICA, AT THE
SAME TIME, SHIPS ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO THE VORSTER
REGIME AND IS EVEN NOW HELPING THAT REGIME TO ATTAIN A
DEADLY NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPACITY.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
ALWAYS BE LOOKED UPON AS INSINCERE AS LONG AS YOU
DON'T SPEAK UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF TWO MILLION OR MORE
AMERICAN INDIANS AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO
RAPIDLY BETTER THEIR CONDITION.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
ALWAYS BE LOOKED UPON AS INSINCERE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T
TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO ELIMINATE POLICE BRUTALITY AND
MOB ATTACKS AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES
AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED
BLACK PEOPLE AND OTHER JOBLESS AMERICAN CITIZENS.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
ALWAYS BE LOOKED UPON AS INSINCERE AS LONG AS THE
UNITED STATES FAILS TO SIGN THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION
AND THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

AS A RELIGIOUS MAN, MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE READ
MATTHEW 7: 1-5.

I WILL SEEK AN AUDIENCE WITH AMBASSADOR ANDREW
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YOUNG ON MY RETURN TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OUR FINDINGS AND
EXTEND TO HIM AN INVITATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
PRESIDENT IDI AMIN DADA TO VISIT UGANDA AT HIS
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

RESPECTFULLY,

ABDUL HALEEM FARRAKHAN
MINISTER ABDUL HALEEM FARRAKHAN

MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY
OF ISLAM IN THE WEST AND LEADER
OF THE DELEGATION OF BLACK
AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN UGANDA

C.C. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG,
PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK
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